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Edinburg, Auguſt 13.

THE Lord *Murray*, being appointed His Majeſty's High Commiſſioner for the enſuing Seſſion of the Parliament of this Kingdom, came hither yeſterday in the afternoon, having been met ſeveral Miles out of Town by the Lord Chancellor and divers of the Nobility in their Coaches, and other Perſons of Quality and Gentlemen on Horſe-back, and the Lord Provoſt and Magiſtrates of this City in their Formalities, with the Trained Bands of this City; and the Regiment commanded by Colonel *Mack-Gill* were under their Arms on the Road, as his Lordſhip paſſed, near *Muſſeburgh*.

This day the Privy-Council being met, my Lord *Murray* acquainted them with His Majeſty's Pleaſure for Adjourning the Parliament to the 8th of *September* next: And accordingly, Proclamation was ordered to be publiſhed, requiring the Members of Parliament to attend at that time.

Falmouth, Auguſt 15. Yeſterday were ſeen about 40 Sail off this Harbour, ſuppoſed to be Outward-bound Merchant-ſhips; but the Wind blowing hard at South, they were forced back again.

Plimouth, Auguſt 16. On the 13th Inſtant Vice-Admiral *Mitchell* ſailed hence, with the Squadron under his Command, to the Weſtward. His Majeſty's Ships, the *Mountague*, *Severne* and *Medway* are come in from Cruiſing, having taken three French Privateers, of 20, 18, and 8 Guns; they all ſtruck to the *Medway*, who came up with them firſt: One of theſe Prizes was ſent in here on the 11th Inſtant; and the other two were brought in this day. The 15th, the *Mountague*, *Severne* and *Medway* ſailed again to the Eaſtward. The *Trident* and two Dutch Men of War came in the ſame day, with about 30 Sail of Merchant-ſhips and Coaſters under their Convoy, bound for *Ireland*, *Cheſter* and *Falmouth*: As alſo, the *Dreadnought*, *Oxford*, *Falkeland* and *Virgin*'s-Prize, with divers Merchant-ſhips bound to *Virginia*, *New-found-land*, and other Parts, and ſeveral other Ships, are now coming in.

Hull, Auguſt 17. Yeſterday ſailed out of *Humber* a Fleet of about 100 Sail of Ships, Engliſh and Dutch, under Convoy of two Men of War, for *Rotterdam*.

Yarmouth, Auguſt 17. This day paſſed by, on the back of the Sands, above 100 Sail of Laden Ships from *Hull*, bound for *Holland*, under Convoy of two Dutch Men of War, the Wind at N. W.

Cowes, Auguſt 17. On *Thurſday* laſt came into this Road, from *Southampton*, His Majeſty's Ship the *Mary-Anne*, with ſeveral ſmall Veſſels under her Convoy. The 15th, arrived here two Hamburghers, the *Prophet Jonas*, and the *Merchant* of *Hamburgh*, both bound to *Cadiz*; and yeſterday they ſailed again, to join the Outward-bound Fleet of Engliſh and Dutch Merchant-men that put to Sea the ſame morning from *St. Helen's*.

Deale, Auguſt 17. Yeſterday in the afternoon, the Wind blowing freſh at S. W. the *Rye*-Frigat, with the Ships under her Convoy, are returned into the *Downes*: And His Majeſty's Ships *Centurion*, *Royal Tranſport* and *Eſſex*-Prize are ſailed for *Margate*-Road.

Portſmouth, Auguſt 18. His Majeſty's Ship the *Northumberland*, with ſeveral Veſſels, ſailed from *St. Helen's* this morning, for *Torbay*.

Whitehall, Auguſt 18. The Earl of *Portland* went hence this morning, for *Margate*, where his Lordſhip will Embark, in order to his Return to *Flanders*.

Whitehall, Auguſt 19. The Aſſociation of the Clergy of the County of *Southampton*; The Aſſociation of the Clergy of the Deanries of *Southwark* and *Ewell*, in the County